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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 653
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
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SUBJECT: OPEC MINISTERIAL MEETING
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REF: (A) KUWAIT 1844, (B) STATE 087737 (NOTAL), (C)
ABU DHABI 0980 (NOTAL), (D) KUWAIT 1481 (NOTAL)

1. LOCAL PRESS APRIL 8 QUOTES KUWAIT OIL MINISTER SHAIKH
ALI KHALIFA AS SAYING THAT OPEC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN GENEVA APRIL 3-4, (REPORTED AS

POSTPONED UNTIL MAY 3-4, REF A) WILL NOW BE HELD MAY 4 IN RIYADH. STORY INDICATED THAT OPEC SPOKESMAN IN VIENNA REFUSED TO COMMENT ON SHAIKH ALI KHALIFA'S ANNOUNCEMENT BUT STATED A NEW DATE AND VENUE WILL BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED SOON.

2. OIL MINISTER IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE RIYADH MEETING WOULD BE "INFORMAL" AND THAT IT WOULD HAVE NO FIXED AGENDA. "INFORMAL SOURCES" WERE QUOTED AS HAVING SAID MEETING WOULD DISCUSS SEVERAL OPEC RELATED MATTERS INCLUDING THE EFFECT OF THE DOLLAR DEVALUATION ON OIL REVENUE. PRESS REPORTS APPEAR TO CONFIRM SUBSTANCE OF REFS A AND C EXCEPT FOR LOCATION OF MEETING WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE SHIFTED FROM GENEVA TO RIYADH.

3. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT EMBASSY ABU DHABI REPORTS TAIF (OR GENEVA) RATHER THAN RIYADH AS SITE FOR MEETING (ABU DHABI 980). FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT OIL MINISTERS WILL BE WILLING TO MEET IN RIYADH IN MAY HEAT. THIS MAY BE A SAUDI PLOY TO DISCOURAGE THE MEETING.
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